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TO: Acting Director, FDD, FNS
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SUBJECT: **TEMPERATURE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS DURING SHIPMENT**

Occasionally, we receive inquiries regarding the acceptable delivery temperatures for dairy products. The chart below has been updated and supersedes our memo dated January 11, 1996. We request that you furnish this memo to all consignees.

The following chart shows the normal highest temperatures of dairy products when received by FNS:

| COMMODITY | FROM WAREHOUSE (N/D: WDO) | FROM PROCESSOR/VENDOR (N/D: PDO/VDO) |
|--|---------------------------------|--|
| BULK BUTTER – 25 KG BOXES | 0°F | 20°F |
| PRINT BUTTER – 1# PACKAGES | 0°F | 20°F |
| CHEDDAR CHEESE – 10# PRINTS, SHREDDED 40# BLOCKS AND 500# BARRELS | 32°F | 45°F |
| BLENDED OR PROCESS CHEESE – LOAVES SLICES | 40°F 40°F | 60°F 45°F |
| MOZZARELLA CHEESE – FROZEN UNFROZEN | --- --- | 20°F 32°F-36°F |

The above temperatures are guidelines and product should not be rejected based solely on the temperature alone. We recommend, if deliveries arrive at destinations with product temperatures higher than the above guidelines, the Marketing Specialist shown on the Forwarding Notice, KC-269A, should be advised. Acceptance or rejection of the shipments should be discussed with the Marketing Specialist and a determination made, on a case-by-case basis, depending on the temperature of the product, condition of

the shipping cases, and other pertinent information.

